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SUBJECT: INFCE: STUDY OF INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT UNDER
IAEA AUSPICES OF SEPARATED PLUTONIUM AND SPENT FUEL

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1. DEPARTMENT VIEWS ON POINTS RAISED IN REFTTEL, FOR USE
WITH AGENCY AS APPROPRIATE, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A) WE NOTE DG'S PLANS TO REPORT TO JUNE BOARD AND CIR-
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CULATE DRAFTS BY SEPTEMBER (OR BEFORE) TO MEMBER STATES.
WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT I) THAT DRAFTS ON PU MANAGEMENT
AND ON SPENT FUEL STORAGE BE CIRCULATED AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE AFTER THE JUNE BOARD SINCE THEY ARE ANTICIPATED
IN WORK PROGRAMS OF WG 4 AND 6, AND II) THAT THE TWO
DRAFTS BE CIRCULATED AS A UNIT.

B) DEPARTMENT BELIEVES RELATIONSHIP (REFTEL PARAS 2, 7, 8A, AND 8D) BETWEEN INFCE AND IAEA STUDY IS, AND SHOULD BE, AS FOLLOWS: IT IS GENERALLY AGREED BY WG-4 AND WG-6 THAT IAEA STUDY IS TO BE CONSIDERED DURING INFCE EFFORT, AND NO SEPARATE AND PARALLEL STUDIES ARE PRESENTLY PLANNED. OF COURSE, THE WORKING GROUPS OR THE TCC MAY DECIDE TO SUPPLEMENT, SUMMARIZE, COMMENT ON, OR EXPRESS SOME CONSENSUS OR OTHER POINTS RELATED TO THE IAEA STORAGE STUDY, AND MAY SUGGEST THAT THE IAEA DO FURTHER WORK ON SOME ASPECTS OF THE SUBJECT. WE DO NOT SEE THE QUESTION AS A CHOICE BETWEEN INFCE AND THE IAEA WORK. THE REPORTS CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR INFCE USE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WITH ANY OTHER AGENCY USE OR ACTIONS BEING A SEPARATE QUESTION.

C) WITH REGARD TO MEETINGS OF INTERESTED MEMBER STATES, WE BELIEVE IT IS CLEARLY PREFERABLE TO DEFER UNTIL AFTER INFCE EVALUATION IS COMPLETED. WE HAVE NO PLANS TO REQUEST A MEETING ON SPENT FUEL STORAGE (REFTEL PARA 4 AND 8B). MISSION MIGHT DISCUSS FURTHER WITH FISCHER REASONS FOR AND URGENCY OF THE PU MANAGEMENT MEETING (REFTEL PARA 3), AND PURSUE THE IDEA OF A MEETING ON BOTH SUBJECTS SOMEWHAT LATER, AFTER THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERATION OF THESE IAEA STUDIES IN INFCE. FYI. AS MISSION IS AWARE WE HAVE TAKEN POSITION IN DISCUSSIONS OF URENCO-BRAZIL FUEL SUPPLY ARRANGEMENT WITH DUTCH THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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INTERNATIONAL PU STORAGE REGIME WOULD BE PREMATURE AT THIS TIME, AND WE WOULD OPPOSE STEPS LOOKING TO ACTIVATION OF IT AT THIS TIME. END FYI.

D) IN VIEW OF PARA B ABOVE, US DOES NOT INTEND TO SUBMIT MCGOLDRICK DRAFT INDEPENDENTLY OF AGENCY TO WG-6.

E) DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT HANDLING OF STATUTORY BASIS OUTLINED IN REFTEL PARA 6 FIRST SENTENCE IS ACCEPTABLE APPROACH. VANCE

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